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The situation in Beirut remained unchanged overnight. Barri told NBC that the hostages "could be in an embassy or in the U.S." in seventy-two hours "if the Americans help." He stated that he was "more optomistic about a resolution, and saw positive signs, but not something complete in his contacts with the French, Austrians and Swiss.

Peres restated publicly Israel's concern for the safety and return of the hostages, and declared "we shall participate in doing whatever can be done in the double undertaking: not to surrender to terror, and then to bring back the innocent people that were hijacked, "

The Syrian party newspaper featured an editorial which condemned the hijacking in stronger terms than previously used, and is probably the closest Syria will come to an outright denunciation of the act, at least until the release of the hostages.

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